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"Truth, justice, and the welfare
of man depend on individuals
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to express their opinions."
—Lancelot Whyte

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Legion Ladies Aid Hospital Carnival

A group of ladies, with Mrs. Laura Stone, President of the American Legion Auxiliary, 179 went down to the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, and with three other units assisted with the inside carnival for the evening's entertainment for about 200 boys. The Auxiliary's donated candy bars and cigarettes for prizes. Sugared doughnuts and orangeade were served.

The committee for the coming rummage sale and public supper met at the home of Mrs. Edward Luciw, chairman, Monday evening. It was decided to have a baked ham supper February 1st served from 6 to 7. Tickets will be sold by Legion auxiliary members. Get your tickets early, for further information phone 796.

Anyone wishing to contribute articles for the rummage sale may leave them with Mrs. Robert Huber of Mrs. Raymond Miller.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 20.

Please bring coupons and also something for Camiera.

President of Kobe College, Japan, Here

President Hatnaka of the Kobe College, Japan, was the speaker in Russell Sage Chapel Friday morning.

Rev. Benjamin R. Andrews, Jr., chaplain at Northfield School for Girls, will preach at the Sunday morning worship service in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a.m. and at Mt. Hermon the guest speaker will be the Rev. E. Spencer Parsons, minister to the Baptist Students in Greater Boston, Mass., in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 14. Unitarian Men's Meeting and supper. 6:30 p.m.
Basketball game, Town Hall.
January 17. Friendly Class meeting 7:45 at the home of Mrs. George H. Sheldon.
January 18. Brotherhood meeting and supper. 6:30 p.m. in the vestry.
January 19. VFW and WSO joint meeting. West Northfield School house, 8 p.m.
WCTU meeting at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle. 3 p.m.
January 20. Legion Auxiliary meeting. 8 p.m.
January 25. Legion meeting. Town Hall 8 p.m.
January 26. Central Planning Committee meeting. Town Hall. 8 p.m.
January 27. Open Forum sponsored by the Central Planning Committee. Town Hall. 8 p.m.
January 29. "Varieties" Show sponsored by the P.T.A. Town Hall.

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Card of Thanks

We thank the many friends and neighbors of the town for the enjoyable reception given for us on our 50th wedding anniversary. We truly appreciate the gifts of money, flowers and the work so willingly done. Also the many cards of greeting from those in Northfield and associated insurance people.

We have the happy memory of the wholehearted friendliness of everyone.

MR. and MRS.
JOSEPH R. COLTON

A 15 Year Era Ends With AYH Departure

In 1933 Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith took their first youth hostel group to Europe. There in 15 countries the hostels with their fine houseparents, low overnight fees and jolly quarters were so numerous and closely spaced that youth could travel from country to country by foot, bicycle or canoe with little expense. Although the plan was simple it had far-reaching cultural and educational values, making travel as it did generally available to youth. It brought young people to an appreciation of nature and to the leisurely enjoyment of enchanting country sides. The young people planned their own trips, financed and cared for themselves and became thereby self disciplined and independent.

This happy adventuring prepared youth for a more closely knit world based on real understanding. It promised increased tolerance and cooperation and might even build eventual peace. This latter point was of chief interest to the Smiths who saw in the international unrest and disturbance a great need for helping people to live at peace with one another.

In their travels the Smiths met the Youth Hostel heads of the various countries and were invited to attend the International Youth Hostel Conference scheduled that fall at Godesberg. There they were officially requested to initiate the movement in the States.

Returning to the states the Smiths lectured and gave considerable publicity to the idea of hosting. The movement was incorporated in March 1934 and opened the first hostel in Northfield, Massachusetts the latter part of December of that year. A loop of hostels was ready for use in New England the following spring.

The first copy of the Youth Hostel magazine, the KNAFACK, was edited to familiarize young people with the fine purposes of hosting and to give them the particular information they needed regarding hostel and hosting.

A national board was built up with Mary E. Woolley, president of Mt. Holyoke College heading the board.

The American Youth Hostel Association was recognized as a member association of the International group in 1934 at its London meeting.

In June 1935 the Smiths bought a colonial house in Northfield presenting it to the AYH Association as a youth hostel.

In 1936 The Maples Hotel across the street was bought by them and presented to the movement as a national office and training center. Later they personally bought a rustic cottage on the Ridge in Northfield which they presented to AYH for the use of the staff and friends of the movement. All of these buildings have been used in these capacities since then.

As time went on interest in the movement throughout the country resulted in thousands of requests for the Smiths to lecture and present the idea of hosting to youth groups, service clubs, schools and colleges. As a result the Smiths made what became an annual tour of the states from coast to coast. As interest mounted the country was organized into Y.S. regions. The national staff meanwhile increased to such an extent that a building adjacent to the first youth

With the headquarters moving to New York City, a new chapter in hosting is indicated. The present Board of which John D. Rockefeller, the 3rd is President, are actively participating in the extension of hosting. Its future is full of promise and the realization of its potential good seems nearer than ever before.

When youth traveled to Europe last year it was handicapped by a shortage of shipping space. Monroe Smith assisted in this emprise by being instrumental in creating Youth Argosy which provided inexpensive air passage to Europe for 400 selected young people from several organizations. This year 2,000 have already been screened for passage next summer.

With the New Year, Mr. Smith is devoting full time with the Youth Argosy, believing that here an opportunity presents itself to serve in a new capacity the cause of international youth friendship through travel. The Smiths will continue to live in Northfield.

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Coltons Honored At

Home by Many Friends

Even the weather turned out fine for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Colton as they welcomed more than 100 friends and neighbors on their 50th wedding day, Jan. 9, at their home on Main street.

With friendly fires burning in the fireplaces, the Colton's were surrounded by throngs of guests and friends of long standing. Several were present who had been at their wedding at the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

A number of guests were present from Springfield, Keene, N. H., and Brattleboro, Vt. Letters, cards and flowers were received from absent friends. Yellow and white chrysanthemums decorated the rooms. Mrs. Colton wore a corsage of white and yellow carnations, a reminder of the bouquet she carried on her wedding day.

Many of the cards and letters received by the Colton's were on display in addition to pictures of their wedding, 25th anniversary and one taken very recently. Neighbors presented a gift of money.

Assisting during the reception were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Cook of this town and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carroll of Keene, N. H.

Serving refreshments were members of the Historical Society, including its president Miss Elsie Scott, and the Misses Amy and Maud Hamilton. The Coltons have long been active in the Society with Mr. Colton being Custodian.

VFW Broadcast 4:45 WHAI, Sat., Jan. 15

The Northfield Post 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars present the 101st in the series of "Speak up for Democracy" broadcasts this Saturday at 4 p.m.

The Radio Chairman of the Northfield Post has stated that all suggestions are welcome, and that if possible will be incorporated in future broadcasts.

Town Nurse Report

The following report has been submitted by the public health nurse, Miss Barbara Mankowsky, for December: Total of 136 visits, of which 83 were chronic; eight acute; four to children with contagious diseases, seven for infant supervision, 13 school visits, two dental contacts and 14 provided with transportation. During the month 22 pupils returned to school following chicken-pox, measles or mumps. Parents have been urged to report any contagious disease to the chairman of the board of health, Ernest Parker.

"We therefore request your Excellency to review the decisions in this case and we strongly urge that recognition be given to the need of the Veteran as a whole

County Veterans Seek Action of Governor

At the meeting, Sunday, Jan. 9, of the Franklin County VF council it was voted unanimously to register "violent" opposition to the proposal that money be allocated to build a veterans' hospital in Holyoke to be used to construct a domiciliary home. Copies of the decision have been sent to Gov. Paul A. Dever, Bishop Thomas M. O'Leary, Sen. Ralph C. Maher, Rep. Joseph Martin and Joseph Cullen, and the press. It follows:

"At the last meeting, January 9, 1949, of the Franklin County Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, it was unanimously voted that we send you a personal letter registering violent opposition to the proposal that the money allocated to building a veterans' hospital in Holyoke be used to construct a domiciliary home."

"Recognizing the fact that many problems confront your Excellency, and that distance is apt to minimize the importance of opinion not vociferously voiced by proxy relative to the plans

"It is not within the executive province to challenge the legislative directive contained in the enabling acts. Those directives provided for the construction of a home and hospital. For three years nothing has been done in a constructive way to achieve this end. It is the policy of this administration to get things done, and that policy will be pursued.

"I might point out that if your organization or any of the present or past trustees had consulted the architect, they would have determined that his plan called for a building which can be used either as a home or a hospital, with adequate clinical or other facilities for full use as a hospital.

"I suggest that this letter be read to your organization. I therefrom suggest that your organization endorse action now. It strikes me that after three years the time has for debate has passed. I await further communication from you.

"I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of my letter to those to whom you took the liberty of sending the letter addressed to me.

"Please be assured that as a veteran Governor I am interested in those of the forgotten veterans in Western Massachusetts in particular. With this in mind, we feel sure that Your Excellency will continue to fulfill the pledges of this administration, and give Western Massachusetts the veterans hospital we so vitally need."

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Consolidation?????

With schools, and school buildings, usualy being in the forefront among local problems it was interesting indeed to listen to the P.T.A. discussion this week.

The interest shown by the members of the association for the problem certainly warrants added explanations and further study. A great deal of interest, and some favor, was shown for "regional consolidation", which would involve the consolidation of the schools of several towns, not within one town.

The fact that a great deal of interest has been aroused in the neighboring town of Berlinford for a "regional consolidation" lends further weight to the importance of the issue.

Exploratory talks should be held on the matter. Public opinion should be gauged. Legislative aid should be sought. Advantages and disadvantages must be weighed.

No channels should be left unexplored, for the importance of the issue is immediate.

A CPC Forum

The Central Planning Committee of Northfield will hold a public forum on January 27, 8 p.m. at the town hall.

The CPC, comprising representatives of all organizations in town, will sponsor this forum in order that issues coming before the voters at the annual February town meeting will be clarified, thereby insuring intelligent constructive decisions.

The meeting will be open to the public, without charge, and residents are not only welcome, but they are urged to be present.

Such a complex issue as "regional consolidation" cannot be dismissed or accepted, without a great deal of prior discussion.

In order that there be complete accord on other important problems, such as a town swimming pool, it is quite evident that a Forum, if supported, will do much to pave the way for a greater mutual and clear cut understanding.

"Regional consolidation" is in itself of sufficient importance to warrant the attendance of all residents.

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In the process of getting even with Uncle Sam, and the Internal Revenue Man, we were of course immersed in figures up to here. In the process of computing one figure struck us, as they usually do, and that was 1.89.

1.89 represents what each subscriber pay for the PRESS each week. It is not one dollar and a fraction, but one cent and a fraction.

Well, what does that mean? Not much. Just a matter of information.

However, at the same time, another thought injected itself on the side of this figure of 1.89.

That thought was "How many people want the PRESS to remain in existence?" Or perhaps we should say, "WHO" and not "HOW" many.

We cannot afford price for the best answer.

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Just A Thought

Just a thought, what is going to happen to the AT&T headquarters building once the AT&T completes the move to New York City.

A number of possibilities have

Church CALENDAR

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, January 16,

9:55 a.m. Church School

10:00 a.m. Young People's Forum

11:00 a.m. Public Worship Service

Subject: "Seven Prayer Truths"

Preschool age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson

6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People

Sidney Chapin will lead the devotional service.

Third in an annual series of meetings on Personal Criticisms."

The Friendly Class meets on Monday evening at 7:45 at the home of Mrs. George Sheldon, Birnam road. Dr. Dodd of Mount Hermon will speak.

Northfield and Franklin County affairs will be discussed at a round table meeting of the Brotherhood on Tuesday evening. A supper will be served in the vestry at 6:30. The Selectmen of Northfield and Franklin County Commissioner, Mr. Samuel Streeter will attend this meeting.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone

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Sunday School, 11:45 a.m.

Loyal Workers, 6:45 p.m.

Praise Service, 7:30 p.m.

Weekly Prayer Meeting, Thursdays at 7:45 p.m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister

Sunday, January 16,

10:00 a.m. Church School, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Supt.

11:00 a.m. Service and Sermon.

5 p.m. AT&T meets in the vestry.

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Sunday, January 16,

10:30 a.m. Service and Sermon,

"Seeking the Worthwhile Things".

11:30 a.m. Sunday School.

7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise.

Wednesday, January 19,

Mid-week Prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Janes.

Boy Scout News

The meeting of the local Boy Scout Troop Committee was held Sunday evening at the home of the Chairman, Edgar J. Livingston.

The following committee members were present: Harold Brissmaster, Ralph Livernoise, Philip Mann, Jr., Louis Abbey, Whithrop Sanderson.

The treasurer, Harold Briesmaster reported the balance of \$188 in the Troop Committee fund. Most of this amount is expected to be used for paying part of the expenses of Scouts going to Camp Chesterfield this summer. No doubt additional amounts will have to be raised to meet the total expenses of the year.

Ralph Livernoise reported for the Cabin Committee telling of recent improvements made at the Cabin including the cement block supports added to the foundation, the new window in the northwest side of the kitchen, new shelves in the kitchen, additional supports for bunk springs, and general repairs.

The Chairman told of Troop 9's plans for the coming Council Exposition at Amherst College in March.

At the present time it is expected that the local Troop will work on the cabin merit badge. Plans for this project will be reported more in detail as the Troop progresses with its work.

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The library got off to a flying start in 1949. Warm springlike weather has no doubt helped to boost our circulation. We set an all time high on January 4th, with 238 books and magazines going out in the afternoon. The highest previous record was 178.

We were fortunate in having a big shipment of books arrive to greet the New Year. With the rush of the holidays over we hope the list will appeal to our readers and trust that the younger readers will like our selection for them.

The following list of recent arrivals will be on our shelves by the end of the week:

For the adults, fiction: Trouble Trail, by Tuttle; Colorado, by Bromfield; Deep West, by Haycox; End of the Trail, Field; Vanishing American, Grey; Kingsridge, by Colver; Semi-detached House, by Eden; This is Kate, Hard; I Hear Adventure Calling, Loring; Scudda Hoo! Scudda Hay! by Chamberlain; Jane Eyre, Modern Library edition, by Bronte; Archibald the Great, Kelland; Bargain Bride, by Lucas.

Non-fiction: Cheaper by the Dozen, by Gilbreth; It Gives me Great Pleasure, by Kimbrough; A Man Called White, by Walter White; Crusade in Europe, by Eisenhower; No Place to Hide, by Bradley; Legend of Henry Ford, Sward; First, First Ladies, by

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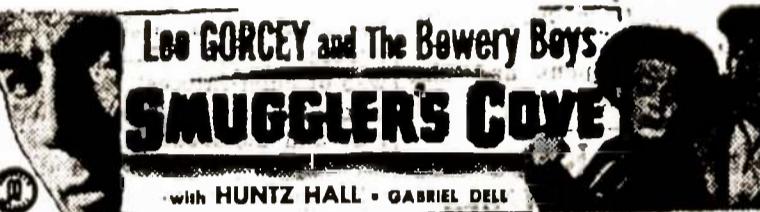
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...Manufacture of transportation equipment, including automobiles, gained 4,900 employees, the construction industries 3,000, the service trades, 2,700, finance insurance and real estate 1,800, retail trade 1,800, and public utilities 1,700 in addition to increases of 8,000 in local and state governments and 3,800 in Federal government employees. It is estimated that close to 500,000 veterans and service men in Massachusetts will receive dividends on their service life insurance, the payments ranging from small amounts to several hundred dollars. Mass. Div. of Employment Security reports a total of 96,096 continued claims for unemployment compensation and veterans' adjustment allowances during the first week in January, compared with 67,261 claims in the same week the year before. Total payments during the week this year amounted to \$1,449,713. A special committee has been appointed in Maynard to make recommendations regarding the establishment of an official town planning board. In the town of Somerset a special committee has been appointed and is preparing a comprehensive zoning by-law for submission to the voters.

Greetings From Towners

The season's greeting were received here during the holidays by friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Towner and family of Piedmont, California who maintain a summer residence at Vernon, Vermont. Accompanying the greetings was a copy of Mr. Towner's recent literary effort, "The Best Ball."

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So. Vernon Church Left \$5000 Bequest

Ernest Dunklee has announced that his father, A. A. Dunklee, has left a bequest of \$6,000 for the South Vernon Advent Church to be invested and the income to be used for the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunklee.

The South Vernon Church was built in the years between 1907 and 1909 at a cost of about \$10,000. Mr. Dunklee acted as chairman of the building committee, and, with E. B. Buffum and others, raised money to build this church. It was dedicated in 1909, with Rev. A. E. Phelps of Westfield as pastor.

Mr. Dunklee, who had been active in the church, continued as one of its chief supporters. He was treasurer and deacon for many years, and, for 60 years, was superintendent of the Sunday School.

Fortnightly Hears Talk About England

Miss Winifred Curtis, of the Greenfield High School history department, gave an interesting and amusing talk to the Fortnightly last Friday afternoon. Her story about post-war England was preceded by a vivid description of her flights to Britain by plane during Christmas vacations in the years 1946, 1947 and 1948.

Miss Curtis told of the gradual improvement in material conditions, and the general belief that Britain would be back on her feet in about two years. She said that British Customs officers were efficient and friendly making it easier to bring in many necessities to friends and relatives.

Tea hostesses were: Mrs. George N. Kidder, Mrs. William Barr, Mrs. Perley Davis, and Mrs. Clarence Webber.

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Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Olds of Winchester road are moving to Reading, where Mr. Olds has been appointed to serve as a representative for the placing of mortgages by a large insurance company.

The annual meeting and supper of the members of St. James Episcopal Church in Greenfield will be held on Wednesday evening, January 19th. Several members of the parish residing in Northfield are planning to attend this important function.

Members of the towns Registrars are making their annual canvass to list the inhabitants and recently the Assessors completed their canvass for listing poll tax payers.

Miss Elsie Watson has returned to her school in Detroit, Michigan, and Miss Dorothy Watson has returned to her school at Walnut Hill, Natick, after spending their vacations with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle.

Ross L. Spencer has been re-elected a director of the Winchester National Bank, Winchester, N. H. State Auditors are concluding their work at the town hall this week.

Mrs. Herbert Stevens and Mrs. E. E. Symonds, spending the winter in Worcester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seaver of Chicopee Falls were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Charles Webster and L. P. Goodspeed. Mrs. Seaver is the former Georgiana Ayers who taught a town kindergarten class here forty years ago.

Miss Georgia Spencer flew to California to visit Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Winifred A. Young have announced the marriage of their daughter Maxine Susan to Leland R. Lawrence, son of I. J. Lawrence, on Saturday, Jan. 15, in Winchester N. H.

Robin Stevenson, formerly of Northfield and a graduate of Mt. Hermon, reports in a recent letter that he is now at Wright Field in Ohio working on the development and production of the B-50 and B-54 aircraft. He is one of five men monitoring the entire development and production of those aircraft.

The faculty and staff of the Northfield School for Girls raised a sum of \$102.25 for the County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Charles Scanlon is in Farren Hospital.

Miss Anne Walker has returned from Keene Hospital.

Two new names were added to the health council, Mrs. Mark Aldrich and Mrs. Joseph Morgan. Mrs. Joseph Reeves was re-elected chairwoman, with Mrs. Louie Van Phelan as vice-chairman, and Mrs. Roger Greenwood as secretary-treasurer.

Major William Marshall reports that he is enjoying his tour of duty in Japan; he is doing inspection work with the occupational forces. About 30 applicants will take exams for postal clerks at the Center School this Saturday.

by-laws committee, presented the remaining by-laws, and all were accepted with minor changes from the floor.

I. J. Lawrence led the group in singing, and Mrs. Robert Barnes played several piano solos.

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VFW Post Quarters Being Refitted

The Northfield Post 9874 of the VFW, in the process of occupying their new quarters in the old school house in West Northfield, will hold several more work parties to get the quarters in shape for the Jan. 19 joint meeting with the WSO.

The first work party last Sunday found 40 members present, and the end of the day found all the broken windows replaced in the downstairs room.

Work will be confined to the downstairs area until meetings can be conveniently held in that room. Equipment acquired by the post during the summer has been moved to the new quarters.

Furnishings will be needed to fully refurbish the old building, and although no formal appeal has been made, it is hoped that anyone has outdated furniture ready for discard that they would get in touch with any member of the Post.

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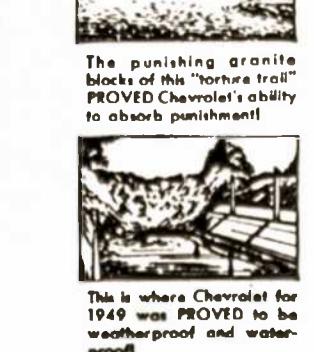
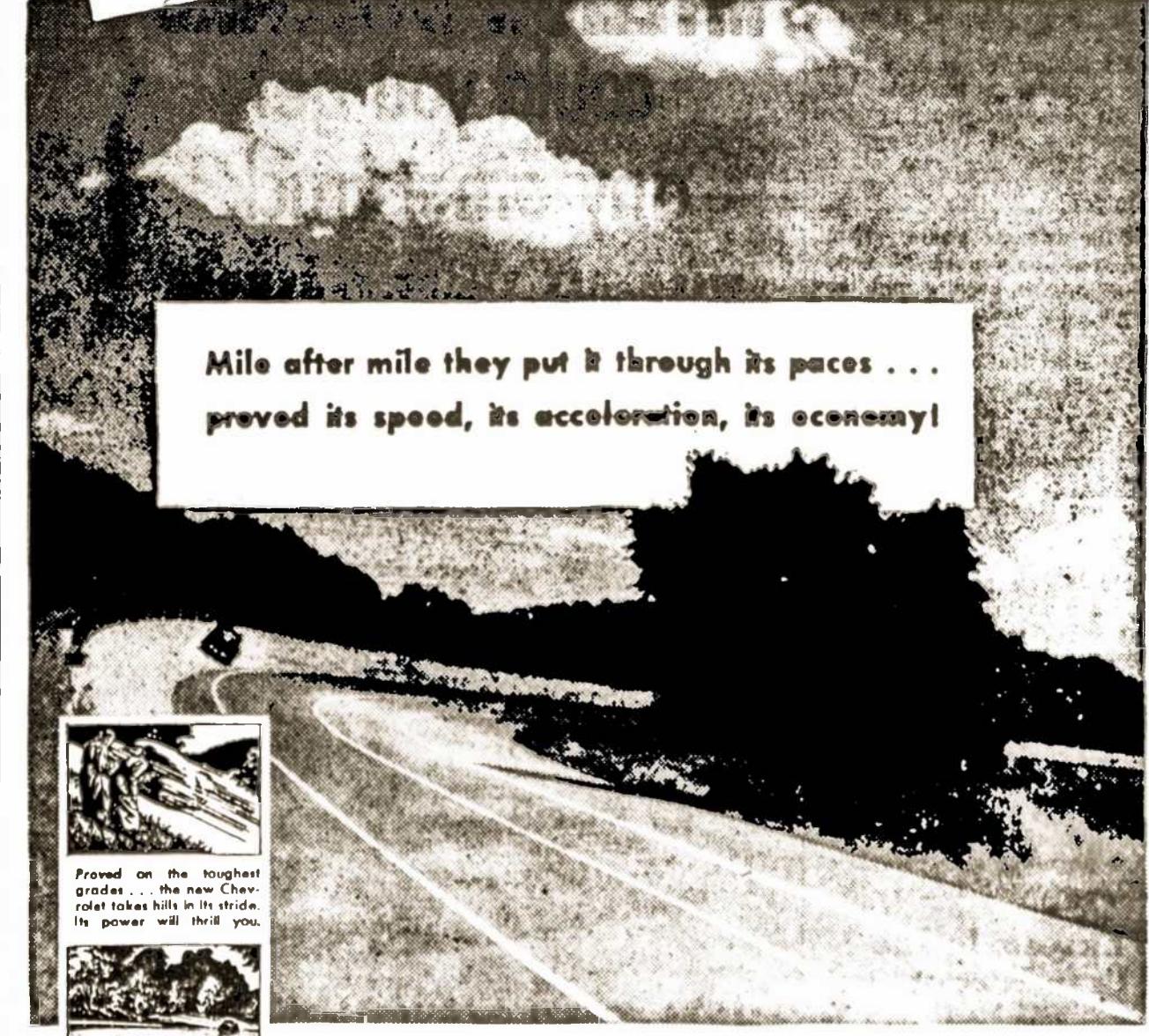
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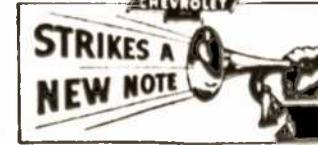
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by Gertrude C. Whitney

Considerable discussion as to the virtue and genuineness of the divining-rod has been occasioned by the appearance recently in the Northfield Press of an article in which the divining-rod figured. I was especially interested since I myself have been able to locate water with a forked apple bough.

The late Charles W. Mann of Methuen was very successful with the divining rod - was often called upon to locate a vein of water for a well. Some twenty years ago, Mr. Mann initiated me into the use of the divining-rod and it seemed to work as well for me as for him although I had no claims for being a "locator".

Believe me, there is no magic about the use of this simple device. One just stands over a likely spot, holding this forked stick by the two handles straight in front of one. A person may even be talking to someone else, when suddenly one feels a downward pull in the end of the stick, the more water beneath the surface, the greater the pull, until it finally points straight downward.

Some people can use the divining-rod; others cannot. I believe it depends on the amount of electricity one has in one's body. Few all know that water is a conductor of electricity, so it would seem that in this manner a connection was made between the electricity in the ground and that stored up in one's body. For myself, I know that it has been possible on certain rare occasions in my life, to receive a slight current of electricity through just shaking hands with another magnetic person, although neither of us may have spoken of it at the time.

The Mr. Mann of whom I spoke was very successful in raising pantries. His pantry bed would preserve its freshness and full bloom all through the summer when others' pantry beds would be running out. I asked him the secret of his success with vigorous plants. "Well, I tell you," he replied, "I mulch them with pine needles and they never dry up." There's plenty of pine around here, so why not try it, Northfield horticulturists?

We had a dandelion in bloom on our front lawn late in December. Others have spoken of flowers coming out away ahead of time. May it not be possible that we are having our "January thaw" ahead of time and that we may expect an early spring? We shall see whether the old saw, "When the days begin to lengthen, the cold begins to strengthen" comes true this year.

Two friends have already predicted a mild winter, from the fact that after each storm it has come off mild, apparently an old farmer's saying. So, we shall see. And watch out for the ground hog who is sleeping in the drain-pipe under Moody lane.

No Increase In The GI Loan Interest

There will be no increase in the GI loan interest rate from 4 to 4 1/4 per cent at this time, according to C. H. Nanco, VA deputy administrator for New England.

Nance pointed out that the 80th Congress authorized Administrator of Veterans Affairs Carl A. Gray, Jr. with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury to set by regulation a maximum interest rate of 4 1/4 per cent on loans guaranteed by the VA if it is determined that the loan market demands the increase.

Administrator Gray stated that he would review the situation at a later date should economic changes indicate the need for such a review.

Rev. Lester White Speaks to W. C. T. U.

The WCTU will meet with Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 3 p. m. The speaker will be Rev. Lester White, alumnae secretary at Mount Hermon School. His talk, "Liquor Problems in G. I. Camps," is based on his experiences as Chaplain in the U. S. Army.

All interested persons are invited to attend.

Hunter Found Dead Killed by Own Rifle

Edward P. Breen, 53, Pine road, Minot, a section of Sturbridge, was found dead on the Herman Fisher property on South Mountain road.

Russell Fisher, 17, son of the owner of the property, found the body near a stone wall, with his rifle at his side.

Medical examiner Dr. Henry Rys of Turners Falls, pronounced the death accidental. Dr. John W. Bennett had previously declared the man dead.

Investigation indicated that the rifle had accidentally discharged while the hunter was climbing a wooden rail fence, the bullet entering near the hip, passing through the heart.

The investigation was conducted by Dept. Inspector Timothy Murphy of the District Attorney's office, State Troopers Edward Carey and Alfred Tessier of the Shelburne Falls barracks, Sgt. Edward Sivik, Northampton barracks, and Constable Martin Vorce.

Selectmen Guests of Local Brotherhood

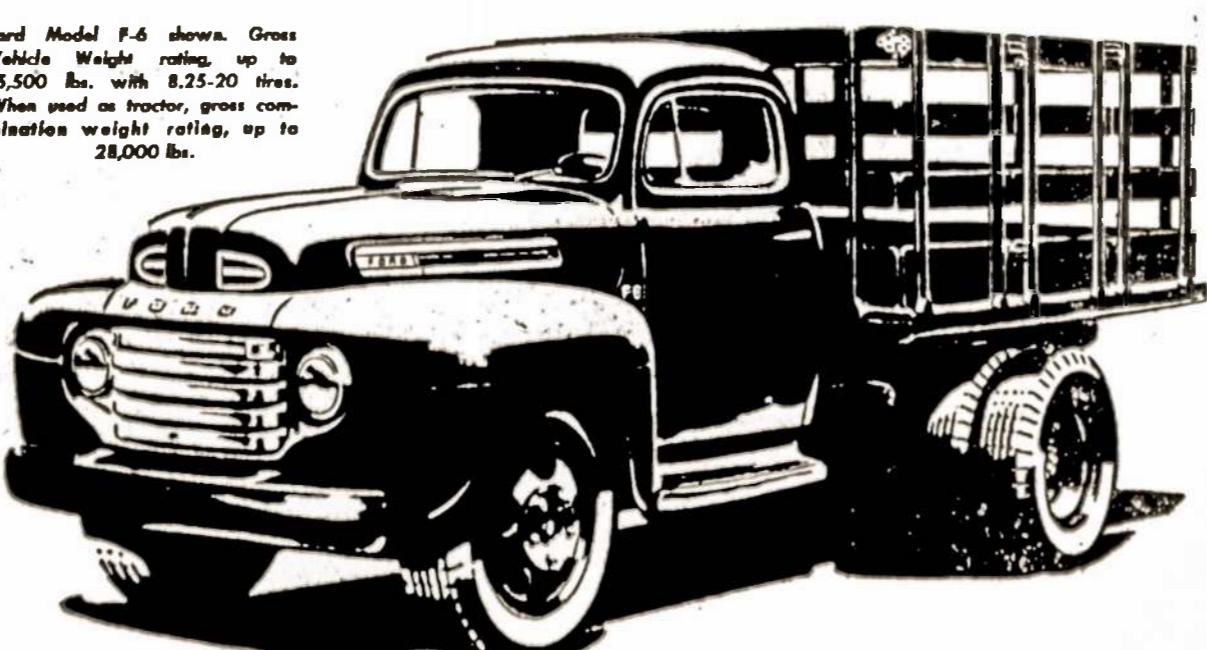
The Northfield Brotherhood will meet in the vestry of the Congregational Church for a supper, and "Civic forum," on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 6:30.

Following the supper the three selectmen of the town, Ernest A. Parker, George W. Carr, and George H. Sheldon will give brief explanations of their duties involved in the conduct of town affairs. As was the case last year, members of the audience may ask questions following the informal introductory remarks by the town officials.

Another guest for the evening will be the chairman of the Franklin County Commissioners, Samuel U. Streeter, who will speak on the subject of coordination between town and county officials.

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Basketball will become an important part of the athletic program of Northfield High School on Friday night of this week when the boys' and girls' teams will entertain teams from Hinsdale High School at the Northfield Town Hall.

This also marks the opening game of the newly organized King Philip League which includes Northfield, Bernardston, Hinsdale, and New Salem. All games of this league will start promptly at 7:30 p. m., and the admission charge in all towns will be the same with a charge of 50c to adults and 25c to students. The girls' games will start at 7:30 and the boys' games at approximately 8:30. A social hour will follow each Friday game with refreshments on sale and dancing to the tune of the nation's best orchestras.

The boys' team is being coached by Harold McLean. Although the number of candidates has been limited, a good team is in prospect with plenty of tall boys on hand. Candidates for the team are: Joe Bilmon, Irwin Severence, Russell Hutchins, James Allen, Warren Whitney, Richard Whitney, Edward Parsons, Walter Kenney and Danny Morgan.

The girls' team is being coached by Principal George Leonard who is being assisted by Miss Evelyn Lawley. Much interest is being shown among the girls and the girls are promising to make a good record for themselves this first year. The candidates are: Janet Mankowsky, Iris Whitney, Vera Allen, Pearle Barber, Phyllis Hartford, Esther Carter, Rita Mello, Marilyn Browning, Vera Holton, Frances Lapiente and Naomi Chamberlin. Other girls are beginning to show added interest and promise to make a good showing in the near future.

Tryouts for cheer leaders were held before the student body on Monday, during the eighth period. Two groups of girls demonstrated their cheer leading ability and lead the student body in cheers. By a vote of the student body, the cheer leaders will be Jeanne Welch, Rita Mello, Janet Mankowsky, Vera Allen, Iris Whitney, and Esther Carter. Cheer leader outfits are being made under the direction of Miss Beryl Stimson, head of the home economics department.

New uniforms have been purchased for both boys' and girls' teams and it is hoped that they will arrive in time for use on Friday evening.

Miss Evelyn Lawley recently attended a basketball clinic in Northampton where an interpretation of basketball rules and demonstration of basketball skills was presented.

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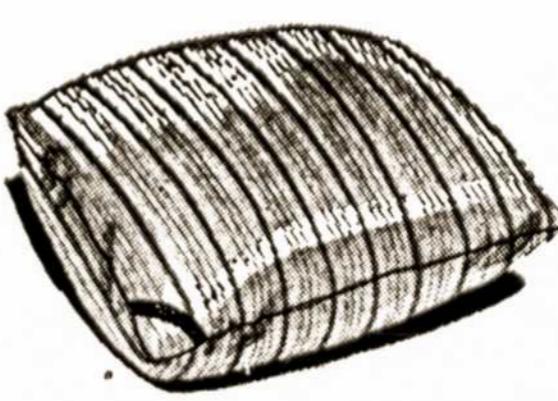
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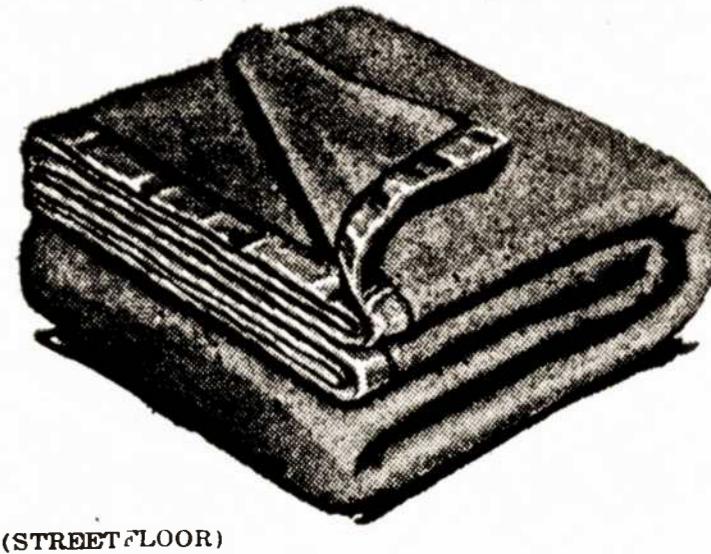
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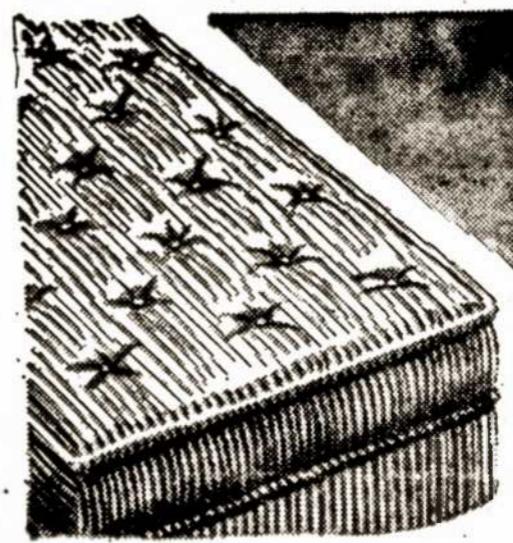
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